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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LIM, ROY K.

Examiner

Michael B. Priddy

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-31 and 42-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-31, 59 and 61-70 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42, 44, 50, 55, 58 and 60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 43, 45-49, 51-54, 56 and 57 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 42, 44, 50, 55, 58 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koros et al. (US Patent Number 5,273,519). Koros et al. disclose an apparatus for connecting to an orthopedic implant comprising a base comprising an upper base portion and a lower base portion (see various embodiments of figures 2, 19 and 23) and having a relatively forward end and a relatively rearward a slidable shaft, e.g. 30, connected to the base, wherein the shaft 30 includes an elongated portion, e.g. 172, a pivotable plate, e.g. 20 having an opening, e.g. 21, a sleeve, e.g. 25, 26 and 27, at least partially surrounding the shaft and being slidable along the shaft 30, a ratchet mechanism (see figures 10 and 11) connected to the base and the sleeve 25/26/27, a stop connected to the base comprising at least one paw, e.g. 66 that is pivotable between at least one position connected to the ratchet mechanism and the position disengaged from the ratchet mechanism and a handle, e.g. 10, 11, 50 including a actuator, e.g. 40, movably/pivotably connected to the base, wherein the actuator operates the ratchet mechanism when the actuator is moved relative to the base. The handle further comprises a rigid stock, e.g. 10.

With regard to the statement of intended use and other functional statements, they do not impose any structural limitations on the claims distinguishable over Koros et al., which is capable of being used as claimed if one so desires to do so. *In re Casey*, 152 USPQ 235 (CCPA 1967) and *In re Otto*, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 43, 45-49, 51-54, 56 and 57 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3-31, 59 and 61-70 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 06/19/2007, with respect to claims 1-41 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of these claims has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 42, 55, 58 and 60 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection (different interpretation of Koros et al.).

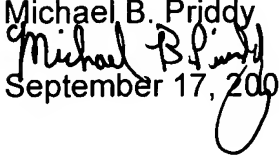
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael B. Priddy whose telephone number is 571-272-2243. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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